

Bet You Didn't Know

MMS Awards Recognize Safety, Environmental Achievement, And Accurate Reporting

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) annually recognizes energy companies and individuals for outstanding achievements in offshore safety, pollution prevention, conservation, and revenue management. The recognition comes through the Industry Awards program, which recognizes individuals, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) operators and contractors, and companies that report production and pay revenues for mineral operations on Federal and American Indian lands.

- The MMS Industry Awards program will celebrate its 9th year in 2007, and consists of four main categories:
 - The National Safety Awards for Excellence (SAFE) program, the oldest continuous Federal awards program of its type, is divided into four subcategories: High Activity OCS Operator; Moderate Activity OCS Operator; Production Contractor; and Drilling Contractor. It will celebrate its 24th year in 2007.
 - Corporate Leadership Awards (CORLAs) honor individuals who perform special acts or services that significantly enhance the Offshore Mineral Management (OMM) or Minerals Revenue Management (MRM) programs;
 - Mineral Revenues Stewardship Awards, granted for exceptional performance by companies reporting production and paying royalties for Federal and American Indian mineral leases; and,
 - Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting (SOAR) Award, which recognizes the company with the best combined performance in both offshore safety and financial compliance.
- Overall the awards program recognizes companies expending extra effort to conduct operations in a safe and pollution free manner by adhering to all regulations, employing trained and motivated personnel, and going the extra mile to enhance safety and environmental protection. Other awards go to individual corporations or a corporation employee for performing an act or service that enhances MMS's ability to meet OMM or MRM mission objectives.
- For the CORLAs, candidates for the corporate leadership awards are nominated by MMS employees and reviewed by MMS senior management. Other awards are determined by MMS, based on quantitative performance data.
- A company or individual cannot self-nominate for any of the awards.
- Awards consist of a plaque and certificates for the SAFE, Stewardship and SOAR awards. The CORLAs receive a small desk memento and a certificate.